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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. Bulgarian universities have DOSO organizations. University students who are not DOSO members or who do not register in the DOSO organization as soon as they enter the university are considered as unreliable students and are dismissed from the university at the first suitable occasion.

2. DOSO students are enrolled in university courses which offer the following program:

- a) Firearm practice with military weapons such as rifles, pistols, etc
- b) Antiair defense and parachute jumping
- c) Chemical defense and sanitation
- d) Swimming and rowing courses
- e) Safety and defense, guarding secrets

All DOSO members must enroll in these courses, especially those students who are members of the Bulgarian Communist Party and of the Dimitrov's Union of People's Youth. The students who are not regular in attendance at DOSO courses given by specialists and leaders are drafted as ordinary soldiers for a long term (full period), while the students who are regular in attendance and successfully complete the DOSO and university courses are enlisted as candidate reserve officers or else, if they are not fully approved by the Party for the Reserve Officers School, they serve a short time as soldiers. One enters the Reserve Officers School with high recommendations from famous Party members and members of the Central Committee of the Party.

3. Courses in fire fighting are conducted under the leadership of a special fireman. Courses for shooting of firearms are conducted under the leadership of a U.S. official only.

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of an officer. Parachute jumping courses are given during the summer vacations at the Telish and Bozhurishte airfields. Swimming and rowing courses are also given during the summer vacations at Stalin under the leadership of naval officers of the Eighth Primorski Sea Regiment. Courses in Safety and Defense (Sigurnost i obrana) are conducted by chief inspectors from the Ministry of Interior. Evening DOSO theoretical courses are held in the auditorium of the university.

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